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NEXT MEETING: SATURDAY JULY 19, 1PM

Friends Meetinghouse, 6th & Herr Sts., Harrisburg

## PRIDE '80 UPDATE

Our June meeting was devoted mainly to plans for the October state Lesbian/Gay conference. The PRIDE '80 account presently has \$350 in it (mostly from the March Pat Bond concerts), but we have a long way to go to meet our budget needs. We have budgeted expenses of \$5000 (about what Pride '79 cost), and we will need to generate income to match. The registration fee will be \$18, which includes all workshops, events and the Saturday Banquet. For those who want to attend only the workshops, but not the banquet, the fee will be \$10. The fee for just the banquet will also be \$10.

From past experience, we expect at least 200 paid conference participants, which will mean \$3600 in registration fees. Combining that with our present account, we will still need to raise \$1050 to meet total expenses. That amount will have to come from program sponsorships and booth registration fees, and income from these two sources will have to double from last year.

Several other matters were decided at the last meeting. We have re-adopted the media rules from last year, which will assure anonymity for all conference participants and the free flow of discussion. It was also voted that this year we will not allow non-Lesbian/Gay media access to the conference. Two of the Keynoters have been selected. They will be Rita Addressa, Executive Director of the Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force, and Phil Parr, Director of the Pittsburgh Free Clinic. A third speaker has yet to be chosen.

We agreed on topics for the General Workshop Series, for Saturday, and they are: Coming Out, Living in the Closet, Married Lesbians and Gays, Newsletters and Printed Communications, Demonstration Tactics, and an Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting. As an added feature this year, we hope to have a MINI FILM FESTIVAL running all day Saturday. These will be films by and about various aspects of life in the Lesbian/Gay communities.

## EXTRA! EXTRA!

The Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force has completely redesigned the format and appearance of their *Bulletin*. The premiere issue "Gay Power & Gay Politics", offers extensive national and regional coverage of Lesbian/Gay news, as well as the local scene. Copies of the *PLGTF BULLETIN* are available from the Task Force, 3601 Locust Walk, Phila. PA 19104.

## SPECIAL NOTE

The July meeting has been rescheduled to July 19, at 1PM at the Friends Meetinghouse in Harrisburg.

## AT OUR NEXT MEETING

PRIDE '80 will be the major topic of discussion at the July meeting. With the conference only three months away, much planning remains to be done. The events for the weekend are beginning to shape up (see PRIDE '80 UPDATE). We will be finalizing the Sunday 'Common Needs' Workshops, and the entertainments for Friday and Saturday nights. The other primary concern will be raising the remainder of the money needed to balance the budget. Following the meeting, the PRIDE '80 planning committee, and anyone else interested, will tour the facilities at the Holiday Inn Town, which we will be using for the conference.

One other major item of business is on the agenda for July. Unfortunately, we must elect a successor to Betty Noble as Co-Chair of the Network. Betty's commitments to NOW, her personal life and career have brought her to the reluctant decision to step down. Her invaluable talents as an officer will not be totally lost, as Betty will remain active in Network projects and PRIDE '80.

## ONE OF OUR FRIENDS

One of the women who has been very active in her support of the Network has become ill. Sue Douty suffered a stroke last month, and as of this writing is beginning her recovery in generally good spirits. Sue has been involved with many of the groups in the Harrisburg area, as well as with the Network. If you are in the Harrisburg area, Sue is in the Rehabilitation Hospital in Mechanicsburg and would appreciate visitors. Cards and letters can be sent to Sue care of the Network address below. We all look forward to seeing Sue back on the front lines with us quite soon.

## POCONO WEEKEND

Sisterspace is planning its annual Lesbian Feminist Weekend in the Pocono Mountains for this Fall. The enclosed brochure gives more details, and the Network would appreciate it if those of you on our mailing list who are not interested, would please pass this on to any Women you know who might be.

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